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Department of Social Services

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Commissioner

**74087**

DATE: January 15, 2020

TO: Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Kevin M. McGuire  
Commissioner, Department of Social Services

SUBJECT: Authority to enter into an agreement with Westchester Community Opportunity Program, Inc., to operate a warming center for up to forty women at 22 East 1st Street, Mount Vernon, New York, in an amount not to exceed \$565,538.40, for the period February 1, 2020 through January 31, 2021, payable pursuant to an approved budget.

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Authority is requested for the County of Westchester (the "County") to enter into an agreement (the "Agreement") with Westchester Community Opportunity Program, Inc. ("WestCOP"), pursuant to which WestCOP will operate a warming center known as the Oasis Annex for up to forty (40) women at 22 East 1st Street in Mount Vernon (the "Facility"), in an amount not to exceed \$565,538.40, payable pursuant to an approved budget, for the period from February 1, 2020 through January 31, 2021 (the "Agreement"). Pursuant to the proposed Agreement, women, who are not residents of any established shelters in Westchester County, will be transported each night from the Oasis Shelter operated at 19 Washington Avenue, New Rochelle to the Facility where they will be provided with a safe place to sleep, including a cot, bed linens, toiletries, bathrooms and showering/bath facilities, and then returned to the Oasis Shelter at 7a.m. the following morning.

The Agreement is exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy pursuant to Section 3(a) (xiv), which exempts "procurement for the purpose of entering into a contract or contracts with not-for-profit organizations for the purposes of providing aid, care and support to persons in need of public assistance".

The proposed Agreement will serve the public purpose of providing a safe, sanitary, warm, dry place for people who are not housed and do not currently participate in the formal County shelter system. The individuals to be served by the Oasis Annex are in need of housing,

and may have been disqualified from a public assistance program for failing to comply with a rule, procedure or regulation or are otherwise ineligible for DSS benefits.

The goal and objective of the proposed Agreement is to provide a warming center for women in the Mount Vernon/New Rochelle area of Westchester County.

The goal and objective of the proposed Agreement is in the best interests of the County in terms of public health and safety, as the County having the services necessary to operate a warming center for women in the Mount Vernon/New Rochelle area of Westchester County will ensure the health and safety of women who seek such services.

The goals and objectives of the proposed Agreement will be tracked and monitored by DSS.

I respectfully recommend the adoption of the attached Resolution.

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APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 01/30/2020  
KMM/DI, SECRETARY

**RESOLUTION**

Upon a communication from the Commissioner of Social Services, be it hereby

**RESOLVED**, that the County of Westchester (the “County”) is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Westchester Community Opportunity Program, Inc. (“WestCOP”), pursuant to which WestCOP will operate a warming center known as the Oasis Annex for up to forty (40) women at 22 East 1st Street, Mount Vernon, New York in an amount not to exceed \$565,538.40 payable pursuant to an approved budget, for the period from February 1, 2020 through January 31, 2021 (the “Agreement”); and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that this Agreement is subject to County appropriations; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that this Agreement is also subject to further financial analysis of the impact of any New York State Budget (the “State Budget”) proposed and adopted during the term of this Agreement. The County shall retain the right, upon the occurrence of any release by the Governor of a proposed State Budget and/or the adoption of a State Budget or any amendments thereto, and for a reasonable period of time after such release(s) or adoption(s), to conduct an analysis of the impacts of any such State Budget on County finances. After such analysis, the County shall retain the right to either terminate this Agreement or to renegotiate the amounts and rates approved herein. If the County subsequently offers to pay a reduced amount to the Contractor, then the Contractor shall have the right to terminate this Agreement upon reasonable prior written notice; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee is hereby authorized to execute any documents and take any actions reasonably necessary and appropriate to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution.

Account to be  
Charged/Credited

	Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars
2020	101	22	8900	5860	-----	\$518,410.20
2021	101	22	8900	5860	-----	\$47,128.20

Budget Funding Year(s): 2020-21 Start Date: 02/01/20 End Date: 1/31/21  
(must match resolution)

Funding Source Tax Dollars: 71%  
State Aid: 29%  
\$565,538.40 federal Aid: 0%  
(must match resolution) Other: